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For ANNULOPLASTY RINGS AND METHODS FOR REPAIRING CARDIAC

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please reconsider the currently pending rejection based upon the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.